

NORTH IDAHO ZONE (NIZ) FIRE TRAINING PROGRAM

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PURPOSE: To implement direction from the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) for the North Idaho Zone fire training program.

ORGANIZATION: The North Idaho Zone fire training coordinator is Julia Figgins. The following table lists the lead agency training representatives contacts for NIZ:

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TRAINING PRIORITIZATION

It has been agreed to use the following criteria when prioritizing nominees for training. These criteria are not in any particular order of priority, as priorities may change depending upon the course and zone needs.

- Availability/commitment
- Training required for advancement or promotion
- Training required for current position
- Team involvement (Type 1, 2 IMT and Type 3 Organization)
- Training involvement
- Number of training slots requested from current needs analysis

The North Idaho Zone Training Group (NIZTG) will prioritize all nominees for national, Northern Rockies geographic area, and other local or geographic area courses. Any changes or cancellations must be coordinated through the zone coordinator.

COORDINATION / PRESENTATION OF COURSES

Agencies involved in the NIZTG will equitably share in the coordination and presentation of specific courses and may present additional courses as needed. Prior to presenting any additional courses, agencies are advised to contact the zone coordinator to obtain the most current information.

Regardless of coordinating agency, all courses should be open to all agency personnel and should be widely advertised. This will ensure maximum opportunity for everyone to participate in necessary training which might otherwise be missed. All nominees should be treated equally based upon the priority criteria previously stated.

COURSE SESSIONS

the course will be posted to the North Idaho Training website, <http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/nrni/homepage> approximately 6 to 8 weeks prior to the start date of each course. It is the responsibility of the coordinating agency/course coordinator to submit an electronic version of the alert in rich-text format/MS word to CDC for posting. The zone coordinator, however, will facilitate the completion of agency course alerts upon request.

A current Field Manager's Course Guide, <http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/nrni/policies> , policies should be consulted for necessary administrative information regarding NWCG training curriculum. All course alerts will specifically indicate course prerequisites, course costs, and nomination process.

COURSE NOMINATIONS / SELECTIONS

It is the responsibility of the agency training representative to submit nomination forms, which should not be submitted until a course alert has been posted. To assist in the selection process, priority training needs should be indicated on the nomination form. Late nomination submittals will be forwarded through the zone coordinator to the training coordinator. ***Although late nominations will be accepted, they will be placed at the bottom of the priority list.***

Normally, the coordinating agency will receive all nominations and make the selections for each course. The zone coordinator and other NIZTG members will be involved for resolution of any selection questions or problems. Every effort will be made to post selection memos to the CDC website at least 3 weeks prior to the course start date, with the coordinating agency/course coordinator responsible for submitting electronic versions (rich-text format/MS word) to CDC for posting. Any changes or cancellations will be coordinated through the zone coordinator.

Upon completion of training, it is the responsibility of the coordinating agency/course coordinator to submit an electronic, rich-text format/MS work version of the completion memo to CDC for posting to the website. Completion memos should contain sufficient information to allow the association of trainees with both their agency and their units. Federal students and instructors, if provided, with IQCS profiles will have their records updated following course completion.

Per the 2007-2012 Idaho Cooperative Fire Agreement, Item 17. Training; "...State nominations will be treated as agency nominations regardless of which geographical area the employee resides in..."

TRAINING COSTS

In the past, it has been standard procedure for training costs to be covered by the coordinating agency. As such, there will normally not be any tuition associated with training courses. However, fees may be charged for those courses which incur unusual or unexpected expenses. Tuition fees, if any, will be identified in the course alert.

MEETINGS / DATES

Normally, the NIZTG will meet once a year, generally in mid-October, to establish the zone program for the upcoming season and to prioritize off-zone nominations. In February each year, agencies will receive a course needs analysis sent from the Northern Rockies Training Center (NRTC) through the zone coordinator. Each analysis will depict in detail the expected training needs for the following winter-spring training season.

Annual Calendar

February	Identify zone needs
March	Incorporate zone needs into the NRTC program
October	Establish zone training schedule
	Prioritize zone trainees for early off-zone courses
	Prioritize zone trainees submitted to NRTC and other areas

NORTH IDAHO ZONE TRAINING PROGRAM CONTACTS

ORGANIZATION: The North Idaho Zone fire training coordinator is Julia Figgins. The following table is a comprehensive list identifying agency unit/district training representatives and/or contacts within NIZ.

Idaho Panhandle NFs Training Representatives

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